

JCS 261011Z (TS)

27 OCTOBER

THREE SHIPS TRANSPORTING 5TH MEB WERE ESTIMATING DEPARTURE FROM SAN DIEGO AS OF 262400Z (2000 LOCAL LAST NIGHT) REMAINDER OF TASK GROUP 53.2 IS ESTIMATING COMPLETION OF LOADING AND DEPARTURE FOR PANAMA CANAL 272300Z (1900 LOCAL TONIGHT). UPON TRANSITING THE CANAL AMPHIBS WILL CHOP TO CINCLANT TO CINCLANTFLT.

a. STATUS OF LOADING AT 260950Z WAS:

Personnel	72 % Completed
Vehicles	66%
Class I	90 %
Class II	81 %
Class III	89 %
Class III A	89 %
Class IV	81 %
Class V	48 %
Class V A	34 %

CINCPACFLT 270122Z (S)

2. CMC DIRECTED MCSC, BARSTOW RETAIN RESUPPLY RESPONSIBILITY OF CLASS II AND IV MATERIAL, WITH SPECIFIC EXCEPTIONS, FOR 5TH MEB. RESUPPLY OF CLASSES I, III AND V WILL BE FROM EAST COAST CLOUD STOCKS.

CMC 270312Z(S)

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3. CINCLANT REPORTED DEBRIEFING OF 10 RF 101 PILOTS WHO FLEW RECON MISSION OVER CUBA ON 26 OCTOBER INDICATES THAT 3 SOVIET IL-28 BEAGLE LIGHT JET BOMBERS HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED AND 4 MORE ARE PARTIALLY ASSEMBLED. OCTOBER 17 PHOTO COVERAGE OF THE SAME AREA SHOWED ONLY ONE BEAGLE HAD BEEN ASSEMBLED.

CINCLANT 270228Z (TS)

4. CINCLANT ADVISED JCS THAT HE HAS DIRECTED:

a. AFLANT TO ROTATE TO HOME STATIONS OR OTHER SUITABLE BASES 15% OF THE PRESENT NUMBER OF AIR FORCE AND MARINE AIRCRAFT NOW IN SOUTHERN FLORIDA BASES.

b. LANFLT TO RELOCATE ONE REPLACEMENT FIGHTER SQUADRON FROM KEY WEST.

c. THESE ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN TO REDUCE THE CONCENTRATION OF AIRCRAFT IN SOUTHERN FLORIDA AND TO REDUCE VULNERABILITY. VMF-122 AIRCRAFT AND CREWS ONLY WILL BE ONE OF THE UNITS AND WILL RETURN TO MCAS, BEAUFORT AND ASSUME A 12 HOUR ALERT FOR REDEPLOYMENT. ESTIMATE CLOSURE OF VMF-122 IS 270500Z.

FMFLANT 262345Z (S)

CINCLANT 270250Z (TS)

5. CINCLANT ADVISED JCS HE INTENDS TO FORM A QUARANTINE FORCE FOR SOUTHERN APPROACHES OF CUBA UNDER COMMAND OF COMSOLANT WITH FORCES AS ASSIGNED OR MADE AVAILABLE BY SOUTH AMERICA NAVIES AND ASSIGNED U. S. NAVAL FORCES.

CINCLANT 252142Z (S)

CINCLANTFLT 252144Z (S)

6. JCS DIRECTED CINCLANT TO CONCENTRATE ON REFINEMENTS IN PLANNING OF CINCLANT OPLAN 316 AND ON SUCH PREPARATORY MEASURES AS ARE FEASIBLE FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION IF DIRECTED.

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CINCLANT OPLAN 314 IS TO BE HELD IN FILE STATUS EXCEPT FOR THOSE PORTIONS THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO CINCLANT OPLAN 316.

JCS 261624Z (TS)

**7. CG, FMFLANT SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO COMATS:
"THE MARINES THANK YOU FOR A SUPERB RESPONSE TO THE LIFT
REQUIREMENTS OF THIS FORCE. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR CONDOLENCES
ON THE LOSS OF A SPLENDID CREW DURING THE OPERATION,
LTGEN LUCKEY. "**

CG FMFLANT 261516Z (U)

**8. VMA-223, ONE OF THE WEST COAST SQUADRONS ALERTED FOR
POSSIBLE MOVEMENT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN
WILL DEPART MCAS, EL TORO FOR USS HANCOCK TO CONDUCT CAR
QUALS ON 29 OCTOBER.**

VMA-223 262330Z (U)

**9. CMC REQUESTED EXPEDITED DELIVERY OF THE FOLLOWING
7.62mm WEAPONS FROM DCSLOG, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY:**

RIFLE M-14	25,000
BAYONET M6, w/SCAB	25,000
MACHINE GUN, M60	775
MOUNT M122 KIT, CONV.	775
BIPOD, M2	7,152

**ALTHOUGH NO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT EXISTS AT THIS TIME,
MATERIAL IS REQUIRED FOR PREPOSITIONING WITHIN CONUS IN ORDER
TO PRECLUDE LOGISTICALLY UNDESIRABLE MIX OF 7.62mm AND CAL
.30 WPNS IN EVENT OF MOBILIZATION OF 4TH MARDIV/WING TEAM.**

CMC 262058Z (S)

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10. CINCLANT MESSAGE 272048Z IS QUOTED BELOW:

a. FIRST 2 OF 6 F8U - IPA/C LAUNCHED FROM KEY WEST AT 271941Z BLUE MOON TRACK NR 1 WERE FIRED UPON. PILOT ESTIMATES 37mm FLAK. REPORTED MISSION RETURNED TO BASE. DETAILS LATER.

NOTE: OPERATION BLUE MOON IS CODE NAME FOR LOW-LEVEL AERIAL PHOTO RECON MISSIONS OVER CUBA LAND MASS. VECJ-2 HAS 6 F8U-IPA/C A/C AT KEY WEST.

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11. AT 1605 EDT ON 27 OCTOBER NAVY FLAG PLOT ADVISED NMCC THAT A U-2 IS MISSING ON A MISSION TO CUBA. THE AIRCRAFT DEPARTED MC COY AFB (ORLANDO, FLA) AT 1000 EDT. SEARCH IS IN PROGRESS. NO FURTHER DETAILS.

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12. CINCAFLANT HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE LEAFLET DROPS ON SELECTED CUBAN POPULATION CENTERS ON ORDER OF CINCLANT. SIXTEEN F-105 A/C WILL BE USED. MISSION CODE NAME IS "BUGLE CALL".

CINCAFLANT 271723Z (TS)

13. 5TH MEB COMPLETED LOADING AT 271300 EST. TG 53.2 (PHIBGRU 3) COMMENCED SORTIE AT 271210 EST. ETA BALBOA IS 5 NOVEMBER.

CINCPACFLT 280033Z (S)

14. CG, FMFLANT HAS SUBMITTED FURTHER JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REQUEST TO CHOP BLT 2/22. CMC IS REQUESTED TO RECONSIDER THE DECISION WITH REGARD TO THE UNIT.

CG FMFLANT 261416Z (TS)

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15. EFFECTIVE AS OF 272012Z, SECDEF HAS DESIGNATED AS AN "INTERCEPTION AREA" FOR THE QUARANTINE OF CUBA THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED AREAS: (a) THAT AREA INCLUDED WITHIN A CIRCLE WITH HAVANA AT ITS CENTER AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 500 NAUTICAL MILES. (b) THAT AREA INCLUDED WITHIN A CIRCLE WITH CAPE MAYS, LOCATED AT THE EASTERN TIP OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 500 NAUTICAL MILES.

JCS 272012Z (C)

16. CINCLANT HAS PREPOSITIONED WITH ACTION ADDRESSEES THE MESSAGE TO EXECUTE OPLAN 312-62 WHEN THE EXECUTION ORDER IS GIVEN BY VOICE TRANSMISSION. DATE TIME GROUPS FOR PERTINENT BLANKS IN THE PREPOSITIONED MESSAGE WILL BE ENCODED.

CINCLANT 270516Z (S)

17. CG, FMFLANT ASSIGNED TASK DESIGNATORS AS FOLLOWS:

MAG-14

MAG-26

MAG-32

TE 129.1.2.2

TE 129.1.2.1

TE 129.3.2.1

CG FMFLANT 260835Z (S)

18. CINCLANTFLT HAS ISSUED OPOD 49-62 WHICH SETS FORTH PLANS FOR THE CONDUCT OF A LIMITED AIR QUARANTINE OF CUBA. EXECUTION OF THE ORDER WILL COMMENCE WHEN DIRECTED BY CINCLANTFLT.

CINCLANTFLT 271346Z (S)

19. THE NAVY NOW MANS 14 STATIONS ON THE SURFACE QUARANTINE LINE FACING N. E.

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20. CMC HAS DIRECTED CG, 2D MAW AND NAD, CHARLESTON TO RELEASE FROM MOUNT-OUT AND SHIP 45 HAWK MISSILES TO 3D LAAM BN (-) AT CHERRY POINT AS REPLACEMENTS FOR LIKE NUMBER OF NO-GO MISSILES. NO-GO MISSILES ARE TO BE RETURNED TO NAD, CHARLESTON FOR REPAIR. MOUNT-OUT STOCKS ARE TO BE RECONSTITUTED WITH BLOCK 1X MISSILES ON HAND.

a. MCSC, ALBANY IS DIRECTED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO EXPEDITE REPAIR OF ALL NO-GO MISSILES AT NAD, CHARLESTON.

CMC 272044Z (S)

21. CMC HAS ADVISED USAF THAT ALL OF MARINE CORPS ASSETS AN/GRM-32 ARE COMMITTED TO FME AND TO UNITS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF FME. SHORTAGES IN MARCORPS TACTICAL UNITS ARE AWAITING CONTRACTOR DELIVERY OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS ESTIMATED MARCH 1963. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, THERE ARE NONE AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

a. CSAF HAD PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED 2 COMMUNICATION MAINTENANCE VANS GRM-22 FROM CURRENT MARCORPS ASSETS.

CMC 271632Z (S)

CSAF 271441Z (S)

22. CG, FMFLANT HAS PROVIDED CMC JUSTIFICATION FOR PROVIDING 3D AND 4TH ECHELON MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY TO "C" BTRY, 3D LAAM BN NOW AT GTMO.

CG FMFLANT 271640Z (S)

23. CG, 2D MAW REQUESTED CMC TO RELEASE 22 TACTICAL AIRFIELD FUEL DISPENSING SYSTEMS WITH MODIFICATIONS KITS FOR JP5 AND SHIP TO MCAS, BEAUFORT FOR MAG-32. CMC REQUESTED BUWEPs TAKE FOR ACTION.

CG 2D MAW 262201Z (C)

CMC 273010Z (C)

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24. COMPHIBLANT HAS REQUESTED CMC TO ASSIGN MAJOR CONKLIN TAD TO COMPHIBGRU 4 TO FILL AN URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR AN EXPERIENCED COMBAT CARGO OFFICER. MAJOR CONKLIN IS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED AS XO MARBKS, PHILADELPHIA.

a. HE IS TO REPORT TO MT. MC KINLEY AT MAYPORT FLA. AT 291200R.

COMPHIBLANT 272215Z (C)

25. CG, FORTRPS, FMFLANT HAS REPORTED TO CMC HIS CRITICAL PERSONNEL SHORTAGES INCLUDING 2D FSR.

CG FORTRPS FMFLANT
270410Z (C)

26. CG FMFLANT SITREP AS OF 272400Z REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

a. MAG-14 AT KEY WEST CHOPPED TO 831st AIR DIVISION (PROV) AT 270400Z.

b. VMF(AW)-122 HAS RETURNED TO KEY WEST FROM BEAUFORT.

c. HEADQUARTERS LANDING GROUP WEST (2D MARDIV) IS PREPARED TO EMBARK IN MT. MC KINLEY UPON HER ARRIVAL AT MAYPORT. MT MC KINLEY ETA MAYPORT IS 291200EST.

d. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A PORTION OF VMF-333 FROM ROOS ROADS WILL BE MOVED TO GTMO TO REPLACE VU-10.

e. PHIBRON-10 WITH MAG-26 ELEMENTS AND BLT 3/8 IS LOADED AND HAS SAILED. USS BOXER ETA PT. CEDAR IS 271700Z.

f. PHIBRON-2, WITH BLT 2/8 EMBARKED, IS LOADED.

g. PHIBRON-8 WITH BLT 3/5 CONTINUES LOADING AT MHC. ETC EMBARKATION UNDETERMINED.

h. CG 4TH MEB AND ELEMENTS OF BLT 3/2 ARE EMBARKED IN FRANCIS MARION AT MAYPORT.

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1. BLT 1/6 ELEMENTS EMBARKED IN THETIS BAY, ARE AT POINT MAPLE (OFF EAST COAST FLORIDA).

CG FMFLANT 272400Z (TS)

27. DNI HAS SUBMITTED TO CINCLANT AND CINCLANTFLT AN EVALUATION OF A REPORT PERTAINING TO POSSIBLE EXISTANCE OF CUBAN NAVAL MINES. DNI COMMENTS THAT IF THE REFERENCED REPORT IS TRUE, IT IS THE FIRST INDICATION RECEIVED THAT WOULD INDICATE THE CUBANS HAVE NAVAL MINES.

DNI 271609Z (S)

28. CMC HAS ADVISED CG, MARCORB CAMP LEJEUNE THAT CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO ACTIVATION OF CIRCUIT NUMBER 3539 FROM CAMLEJ TO NAVY MESSAGE CENTER, AJCC IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE A POSSIBLE BACKLOG OF TOP SECRET MESSAGES. IF THE CIRCUIT IS ACTIVATED IT WILL PROVIDE AN ON-LINE T/S CAPABILITY FROM CAMLEJ TO HQMC VIA THE NAVY MESSAGE CENTER AT AJCC AND OPNAV COMMUNICATIONS CENTER.

29. JCS ADVISES CINCPAC, CINCLANT AND CINCARIB THAT THE ARRIVAL OF THE 5TH MEB AT THE CANAL ZONE WILL TOUCH OFF PRESS QUERIES, BUT NO PRESS RELEASES WILL BE MADE. RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE "SAILING ON MANEUVERS" WITH NO FURTHER AMPLIFICATION.

JCS 272119Z (S)

30. CINCLANT HAS ADVISED JCS OF RECENT SOVIET SUBMARINE ACTIVITY IN THE WESTERN ATLANTIC. EVIDENCE TO DATE INDICATES 4 POSITIVE CONVENTIONALLY POWERED LONG RANGE SUBS, HOWEVER THERE IS NO CONTACT EVIDENCE OF NUCLEAR POWERED OR MISSILE CONFIGURED SUBS IN WESTLANT.

CINCLANT 272016Z (S)

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